THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The allocations of rice and wheat to West Bengal during January-March, '88 have been as follows:—

(000' tonnes)

| | January '88 | February '88 | March '88 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Rice** . | **125** | **110** | **100** |
| Wheat . | 126 | 126 | 100 |

The allcations of rice and wheat to the various States|Union Territories including West Bengal have been rationalised, keeping in view various factors such as the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, availability in the open market, trends in offtake etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has not been found possible to increase the allocations.

**Drought Prone Zones**

3354. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have categorised various districts or zones as drought prone and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have drawn any action plan for drought prone districts so as to effectively counter the situations of drought and if so, what are the details of such plans;

(c) whether it is a fact that a greater number of population is facing drinking water problem than that at the beginning of this decade;

(d) if so, how may people are facing drinking water problem and how does it compare with the figures as on Ist January, 1981; and

(e) the money spent since Ist January, 1981 till date for providing drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 615 Blocks of 91 Districts in 13 States have been identified as drought prone and covered under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). List of Districts and States covered under the Programme is given as Statement 1 (*See* below).

(b) Action Plans for effectively countering the situations of drought are drawn up by the State Governments concerned and also now sanctioned by them. The Central Government have laid down guidelines for preparing these action plans. The thrust of the programme is on activities which contribute directly to drought proofing and restoration of ecological balance such as soil and moisture conservation, land shaping and development, water resources conservation and development, afforestation and pastures, fodder and grass-land development. State Governments have been advised that these activities should account for at least 75 per cent of the annual allocation for the prgoramme in the State. It has also been emphasized that activities aimed at harmonious land and water management should be taken up on a mini-micro watershed basis with a view to have desirable impact on the environment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A statement is enclosed as statement-II regarding releases and reported expenditure by States under the Centrally Sponsord Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and provision and reported expenditure under State Sector Minimum Needs Pogramme (MNP).

**Statement - I**

*Coverage of Blocks under DPAP during the Seventh Plan*

| State | | District | No. of Blocks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 *Andhra Pradesh* | 1 | Anantapur | 16 |
| | 2 | Kurnool | 13 |
| | 3 | Chittoor | 8 |
| | 4 | Cuddapah | 6 |
| | 5 | Mehboobnagar | 12 |
| | 6 | Prakasam | 9 |
| | 7 | Rangareddy | 3 |
| | 8 | Nalgonda | 2 |
| TOTAL | | | 69 |
| 2 *Bihar* | 1 | Palamau | 24 |
| | 2 | Monghyr | 7 |
| | 3 | Rohtas | 7 |
| | 4 | Nawadah | 9 |
| | 5 | Godda | 7 |
| TOTAL | | 5 | 54 |
| 3 *Gujarat* | 1 | Ahmedabad | 2 |
| | 2 | Rajkot | 5 |
| | 3 | Kutch | 7 |
| | 4 | Amreli | 8 |
| | 5 | Jamnagar | 2 |
| | 6 | Surendranagar | 9 |
| | 7 | Bhavnagar | 3 |
| | 8 | Panchmahal | 7 |
| TOTAL | | 8 | 43 |
| 4 *Haryana* | 1 | Mohindergarh | 9 |
| 5 Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | Doda | 8 |
| | 2 | Udhampur | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 2 | 13 |

| State | | District | No. of Blocks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 *Karnataka* | 1 | Bijapur | 11 |
| | 2 | Tumkur | 6 |
| | 3 | Dharwar | 14 |
| | 4 | Belgaun | 4 |
| | 5 | Kolar | 9 |
| | 6 | Bidar | 3 |
| | 7 | Chikamagalur | 1 |
| | 8 | Chitradurga | 6 |
| | 9 | Gulbarga | 8 |
| | 10 | Bellary | 5 |
| | 11 | Raichur | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 11 | 71 |
| 7 *Madhya Pradesh* | 1 | Betul | 8 |
| | 2 | Shahdol | 6 |
| | 3 | Khargone | 7 |
| | 4 | Dhar | 8 |
| | 5 | Jhabua | 12 |
| | 6 | Sidhi | 8 |
| TOTAL | | 6 | 49 |
| 8 *Maharashtra* | 1 | Ahmednagar | 10 |
| | 2 | Sangli | 6 |
| | 3 | Jalna | 1 |
| | 4 | Dhule | 4 |
| | 5 | Aurangabad | 6 |
| | 6 | Sholapur | 10 |
| | 7 | Jalgaon | 5 |
| | 8 | Nasik | 10 |
| | 9 | Satara | 4 |
| | 10 | Beed | 6 |
| | 11 | Osmanabad | 3 |
| | 12 | Pune | 9 |
| TOTAL | | 12 | 74 |

| State | | Distiict | No. of Blocks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 *Orissa* | 1 | Phulbani | 14 |
| | 2 | Kalahandi | 11 |
| | 3 | Bolangir | 8 |
| | 4 | Sambalpur | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 4 | 39 |
| 10 *Rajasthan* | 1 | Udiaipur | 3 |
| | 2 | Dungarpur | 5 |
| | 3 | Banswara | 8 |
| | 4 | Ajmer | 2 |
| | 5 | Sawai Madhopur | 2 |
| | 6 | Tonk | 3 |
| | 7 | Kota | 4 |
| | 8 | Jhalwar | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 8 | 30 |
| 11 *Tamil Nadu* | 1 | Dharmapuri | 12 |
| | 2 | Pudukottai | 4 |
| | 3 | Ramanathpuram | 7 |
| | 4 | Pusumpon-Muthuramalingam | 6 |
| | 5 | Kamrajar | 5 |
| | 6 | Chidambarnar | 3 |
| | 7 | Tirunelveli | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 7 | 43 |

| State | | District | No. of Blocks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 *Uttar Pradesh* | 1 | Mirzapur | 10 |
| | 2 | Hamirpur | 5 |
| | 3 | Jalaun | 3 |
| | 4 | Bandr | 10 |
| | 5 | Allahabad | 1 |
| | 6 | Jhansi | 3 |
| | 7 | Bahraich | 14 |
| | 8 | Lalitpur | 2 |
| | 9 | Lakhimpurkheri | 2 |
| | 10 | Sitapur | 3 |
| | 11 | Gonda | 4 |
| | 12 | Chamoli | 4 |
| | 13 | Pauri Garhwal | 10 |
| | 14 | Tehri Garhwal | 3 |
| | 15 | Almora | 8 |
| | 16 | Pithoragarh | 3 |
| TOTAL | 16 | | 87 |
| 13 *West Bengal* | 1 | Bankura | 7 |
| | 2 | Midnapur | 7 |
| | 3 | Purulia | 20 |
| TOTAL | 3 | | 34 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | |
| 3 *States* | 91 (*Districts*) | | 615(*Blocks*) |

**Statement-II**

*Releases/Provision and Expenditure under ARWST and MNP (State Sector)*

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | ARWSP | | MNP (State Sector) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Releases | Reported Expenditure by States/ UTs. | Provision | Reported Expenditure |
| 1981-82 | 109.02 | 120.32 | 248.16 | 275.94 |
| 1982-83 | 150.81 | 179.50 | 260.74 | 323.15 |
| 1983-84 | 263.82 | 224.55 | 324.30 | 391.95 |
| 1984-85 | 297.82 | 269.76 | 367.50 | 372.16 |
| 1985-86 | 296.34 | 246.50 | 426.55 | 405.86 |
| 1986-87 | 289.46 | 322.44 | 475.50 | 451.54 |
| 1987-88 (upto date) | 374.62 | 222.81 | 512.26 | 304.11 |

**Notice to NAFED for Demurrage Charges**

3355. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Port Trust have issued a notice to the NAFED demanding demurrage charges of about Rs. 76.00 lakhs or so and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) what action the NAFED have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. NAFED had imported 2,500 tonnes of White Cement during 1984. The entire stock of cement was sold on high-seas to M/s. Anmol Trading Corporation, Ahmedabad. The party lifted 2000 tonnes out of total stock of 2500 tonnes. As the party failed to lift the balance stock of 500 tonnes, Bombay Port Trust (BPT) sold these stocks in auction and issued a notice for claiming demurrage charges of Rs. 76.00 lakh to NAFED on the balance stock of 500 tonnes.

(b) Since NAFED had sold entire stock of cement to M/s. Anmol Trading Corporation, NAFED has advised BPT to realise the demurrage charges from the above-said party.

**Construction of Flats for Central Government Employees in Bombay**

3356. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of Government accommodation for Central Government employees in Bombay is very acute;

(b) whether the Directorate of Estates have recently made a survey to find out vacant plots in Bombay for construction of flats for the Central Government employees; and